GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4941
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2003
COMPLIMENTARY PASSES FACILITY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the categories of persons who are provided with complimentary passes facility;

(b) whether the Government has withdrawn or propose to withdraw the facility of complimentary passes to these categories;

(c) if so, the reasons for withdrawing this facility;

(d) the time by which the above facility is likely to be restored;

(e) whether any reimbursement is made in certain categories avail complimentary passes provided by Railways; and

(f) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check misuse of complimentary passes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): A Statement is attached.

(b): No, Sir. However, issue of complimentary card passes under discretionary power of Minister of Railways hasbeen completely stopped since 15.11.1999 (in view of austerity and economy). There is presently no proposal to change the existing policy.

(c)&(d): Do not arise.

(e): The cost of freedom fighter complimentary card passes is borne by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the cost of these passes is reimbursed to the Ministry of Railways.

(f): The cases of misuse of complimentary card passes detected/reported are promptly dealt with and appropriate action is taken in such cases.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOKSABHA UNSTARREDQUESTION NO.4941BY SMT.NIVEDITA MANE AND SHRI C.N. SINGH REGARDING COMPLIMENTARY PASSES FACILITY.

(a): Complimentary passes are presently issued to the following categories as per the schemes announced from time to time:

S.No	Category
I.	CARD PASSES
1	Freedom Fighters.
2	Arjun Awardees/ Olympic Medallists / Asian & Commonwealth Gold Medallists / Dronacharya Awardees.
3	Winners of Chakra Series Gallantry Awards (Defence).
4	Winners of President's Police Medal for Gallantry & Police Medal for Gallantry (Police).
5	Non-official Members of Railway Hindi Salahakar Samiti.
6	Ex. MRs/MOS(R)s/DMRs.
II.	CHEQUE PASSES:
1	Licensed Porters.

2 Individuals and organisations engaged in social, cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities under the discretionary powers of Minister for Railways, Minister of State for Railways & Railway Board, as per guidelines evolved by the Ministry of Railways.